

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please RETAIN the claims in their present form in accordance with the following:

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system for dialing a telephone number retrieved via a first telephone line and the internet from a remote web server which stores multiple telephone numbers in a telephone number database, the system comprising:

- a telephone operable by a user and connected with a second telephone line; and
- an information terminal operable by the user and comprising:

- a web browser, which selectively connects to the web server via the first telephone line and the internet, and which submits a search request to the remote web server for searching the stored telephone numbers in the telephone number database, to obtain at least one telephone number among the stored telephone numbers;

- a screen which:

- displays the search request input by a user, and

- displays the at least one telephone number retrieved by the web server as a hypertext markup language (HTML) document; and

- a telephone plug-in connected with the web browser, the second telephone line, and the telephone, wherein:

- where the user selects one of the retrieved and displayed telephone numbers, the web browser determines whether the selected telephone number is defined with a predetermined link syntax, and if the selected telephone number is defined with the predetermined link syntax, the telephone plug-in automatically dials the selected telephone number using a the second telephone line independently of the web server, to set up a communication channel through the telephone, the communication channel being independent of the telephone plug-in, the first telephone line and the internet.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system for dialing a telephone number retrieved via a telephone line and the internet from a remote web server which stores multiple telephone numbers in a telephone number database, the system comprising:

a telephone operable by a user and connected with the telephone line; and
an information terminal operable by the user and comprising:

a web browser, which selectively connects to the web server via the telephone line and the internet, to submit a search request to the web server for searching the stored telephone numbers in the telephone number database, to obtain at least one telephone number among the stored telephone numbers;

a screen which:

displays the search request input by a user, and

displays the at least one telephone number retrieved by the web server as a hypertext markup language (HTML) document; and

a telephone plug-in connected with the web browser, the telephone line and the telephone, wherein:

where the user selects one of the retrieved and displayed telephone numbers, the information terminal automatically disconnects the web browser from the telephone line, the web server and the internet and if the web browser determines that the selected telephone number is defined with a predetermined link syntax, the telephone plug-in automatically dials the selected telephone number independently of the web server, to set up a communication channel through the telephone, the communication channel being independent of the telephone plug-in, the web server, and the internet, and

if the web browser determines that the selected telephone number is not defined by the predetermined link syntax, the user is enabled to dial the selected telephone number manually using the telephone line.